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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER PRESENTED TO FIRST SECRETARY JOHN
VOUGHT DURING CALL BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TIBETANPEOPLES
RANGZEN MOVEMENT AT EMBASSY ON MARCH 25, 1976.

BEGIN TEXT.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, WHITE HOUSE...
DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

MOST NATIONS IN THE WORLD APPROACH THEIR FOREIGN POLICIES WITH
A FAIR AMOUNT OF CYNICISM AND TOTAL SELF INTEREST. YOUR STAND
ON THE QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS HAS NOT ONLY GIVEN A FLICKER OF
HOPE TO ALL THE DOWN-TRODDEN AND OPPRESSED IN THE WORLD BUT ALSO
ELEVATED AMERICA TO A NEW GREATNESS AND POSITION OF WORLD
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LEADERSHIP.

WE KNOW THAT YOUR CONCERN FOR THE OPPRESSED IS NOT ONLY A VERBAL
ONE AND THEREFORE, WE THE TIBETAN PEOPLE IN EXILE FEEL CONFIDENT
THAT YOU WILL SUPPORT OUR JUST CAUSE.

PRIOR TO THE INVASION OF THE RED CHINESE ARMY IN 1949 WE TIBETANS

HAVE BEEN A FREE PEOPLE. WE BELIEVED IN PEACE AS WE WERE A
BUDDHIST NATION, AND WE ACTIVELY PRACTISED IN EVERY WAY TO
ACHIEVE THE BUDDHIST IDEALS OF PEACE AND FREEDOM.

OURS WAS AN ANCIENT SOCIETY, HAVING CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS TOTALLY
DIFFERENT TO THAT OF YOUR COUNTRY AND OTHER NATIONS OF THE WORLD.
LIFE WAS RUGGED IN OUR LAND BUT IT MADE US STRONG AND SELF RELIANT
AND EVEN MORE IT TAUGHT US THE MEANING OF HAPPINESS AND OF
FREEDOM. THERE WERE NOT MANY LUXURIES, BUT EVERYONE HAD ENOUGH
TO KEEP HIMSELF ALIVE AND HAPPY. OUR GOVT AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS
WERE PRIMARILY BUILT AROUND BUDDHISM AND THOUGH SOMEWHAT SLOW
AND ARCHAIC MANAGED TO GOVERN WISELY OVER 6 MILLION INDIVI-
DUALISTIC, FREE-THINKING AND TOUGH PEOPLE.

YET IN THE NAME OF 'PROGRESS' AN ALIEN POWER HAS, WITHOUT PROVO-
CATION, BRUTALLY INVADDED AND RAVAGED OUR LAND. THIS HAS
BEEN BLUNTLY STATED IN MR. EDGAR SNOW'S BOOK "THE OTHER SIDE OF
THE RIVER (RED CHINA TODAY)'.

"TIBET IS HELD BY A LARGE ARMY AND PROBABLY WILL FOR MANY YEARS
TO COME.....IT WOULD HAVE BEEN COMFORTING TO OUR CONSCIENCES
TO THINK THAT ONE GREAT NATION MIGHT BE SPARED THE EXPERIENCE
WHICH OUR MACHINE CIVILIZATION HAS FLUNG ACROSS THE ENTIRE
EARTH, BUT HISTORY ADMITS NO EXCEPTIONS TO ITS LAW OF CHANGE.
NOW THE TIBETANS TOO, MUST LEARN TO ADAPT OR PERISH".

MUST WE PERISH FOR DESIRING TO BE OURSELVES? DOES FREEDOM ONLY
BELONG TO NATIONS WITH SUPERIOR WEAPONS AND TECHNOLOGY?

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MR. PRESIDENT, WE TIBETANS FOLLOW NEITHER THE WESTERN STYLE OF
SOCIETY NOR THE COMMUNIST WAY. WE DO NOT WISH TO GIVE UP OUR
TIME HONoured WAYS IN ORDER TO GET THE HELP AND SUPPORT OF
ANY BIG POWER. YET WE DESIRE TO HAVE LIFE AND FREEDOM FOR OUR
PEOPLE AND COUNTRY.

IS THAT ASKING TOO MUCH?

DESPERATE OF CHINESE ATTEMPT AT GENOCIDE WE REVOLTED IN 1959.
THOUSANDS OF CHINESE SOLDIERS DIED AND MANY DIVISIONS WERE
NEEDED BEFORE OUR REVOLT WAS FINALLY QUELLED. YET THINGS DID NOT
END THERE, MANY OF US STILL KEPT ON FIGHTING IN TIBET AND HIS
HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA, NOW IN EXILE, HAS BROUGHT THE REMNANTS
OF OUR SHATTERED NATION TOGETHER TO PREPARE FOR THE DAY WHEN WE
WOULD BE STRONG ENOUGH TO RETAKE OUR LAND. YES, WE STILL FIGHT
INSIDE AND OUTSIDE TIBET FOR WHAT WE BELIEVE AND KNOW TO BE RIGHT-
FULLY OURS.

AT PRESENT IN NEW DELHI SEVEN TIBETANS ARE ON A HUNGER-STRIKE

TILL DEATH. THEY DEMAND THAT THE UN ACT ON ITS THREE RESOLUTIONS ON TIBET, PASSED IN 1959, 1961 AND 1965. THESE PEOPLE ARE DETERMINED TO HOLD FAST TO THEIR VIGIL DESPITE THE CONSEQUENCES.

AMERICA HAS ALWAYS SUPPORTED THE QUESTION OF TIBET IN THE UN AND ARE ETERNALLY GRATEFUL THAT IT HAS DONE SO. WE ASK AMERICA'S BOON ONCE AGAIN AND REQUEST YOU TO MAKE THE UN IMPLEMENT ITS PAST RESOLUTIONS ON TIBET.

'FOR RANGZEN'

YOURS FAITHFULLY,
(LODI GYALTSEN GYARI)
PRESIDENT,
TIBETAN YOUTH CONGRESS,
FOR: T.P. R. M. - INDIA

END TEXT.

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